

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LODI  
LODI CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
AUGUST 28, 1963

An adjourned regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi was held beginning at 8:00 p.m. of Wednesday, August 28, 1963. Councilmen Brown, Culbertson, Dow, Ullmann and Katzakian (Mayor) present. None absent.

Also present: City Manager Graves, City Attorney Mullen and Planning Director Rodgers.

CHAMBER OF  
COMMERCE RE  
SEWAGE AND  
STORM DRAINS

The City Clerk read a letter from the Lodi District Chamber of Commerce expressing confidence in the City Council and its ability to solve the City's drainage and sewer problems and urging immediate action towards a solution. The letter also expressed a favorable opinion of the ponding method of storm water removal.

JOB SPECS  
POLICE  
LIEUTENANT

Job specifications for the position of Police Lieutenant were presented for Council approval, the establishment of the position having been approved at the time the 1963-64 budget was adopted. On motion of Councilman Brown, Culbertson second, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2654 adopting the job specifications for Police Lieutenant and amending Resolution No. 2613 by inclusion of Police Lieutenant in the alphabetical list of classes and salary ranges at Range No. 20-A.

RES. NO. 2654  
ADOPTED

LOPEZ CLAIM  
REJECTED

City Attorney Mullen requested that the Council reject the claim for damages of Frank Lopez because of alleged false arrest by two Lodi police officers. Councilman Brown moved that the claim of Frank Lopez be rejected. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ullmann and carried, with Councilman Dow abstaining because of his employment with the firm of Cain and Walton which is handling the claim of Mr. Lopez.

CAPITAL  
IMPROVEMENT  
PROGRAM

City Manager Graves presented members of the Council with a written tabulation of figures on the Capital Improvement projects and a recapitulation of the Capital Outlay Reserve Fund which it is estimated will reach approximately \$800,000 by the end of June 1964. He said the projects cannot be discussed in precise detail at this time. The new storm drainage plans incorporating the use of ponds will require considerable study to stage the work. It will comprise seven or eight self-sufficient districts which cannot be developed all at one time, but must be staged over a 20-year period. It will take time to develop objective measurements as to priority of each district. According to Mr. Graves the water system is not so critical and need not be staged so precisely; an effort is made to put in water lines at the time other construction is being handled. He said a review of the projects would be required every year. Priority of needs and costs need to be determined before the Council can consider means of financing and the holding of a bond election. He said it would be six to eight weeks before the Administration could present needed information.

The Council discussed the City tax rate in relation to the Capital Outlay needs. Mr. Graves said that

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an increase in taxes would serve to add revenue which would reduce the amount of bonds needed or could be used to finance some of the smaller projects such as the Corporation Yard or Library on a pay-as-you-go basis, but would not be enough to take care of the sewer or storm drain problems. Regarding a bond election, he said that when the program was ready and when the people showed an interest in having the work done, the Council should hold an election. He felt that the earliest time for a bond election would be in the fall of 1964 and that if an election were held before the public was fully informed and interested, the bonds would be defeated, resulting in further delay.

After further discussion by the Council of the time involved in preparing data for a bond election and the necessity of having public backing in order to pass general obligation bonds which require a 66 2/3 favorable vote, people in the audience were requested to present their views. Mr. Irvin Bender, 805 West Walnut Street, said that the people would vote for reasonable issues, but not for a library, and that the tax rate should be raised. Mr. Jack Hoggatt, 32 North Ham Lane, stated that storm drainage and sanitary sewers were a real emergency and that the City should get a report to the people as quickly as possible and he thinks bonds would pass. Councilman Culbertson pointed out that other services would be needed as the City expands and the need for a Hall of Justice and Fire House was also critical. Mr. John Capell, 324 La Vida Drive, said that people he talked to were interested in the needs of the City and that the bond issue had failed because of controversial items. He felt the time was ripe to start a campaign. Mr. Jack Butler, Manager of the Chamber of Commerce, said that storm drainage and sewerage were serious now and immediate action should be taken, and that the bonds had been defeated because the measures were combined. He pointed out that in its letter the Chamber of Commerce had expressed its support of only the storm drain and sewer projects. Mr. Graves answered that the City Council had to be realistic and that other services would need to be expanded also. Mr. Stanley Klein, 400 Kensington Way, questioned Mr. Graves concerning the City's income with the \$1.00 tax rate and also the income from service charges. He also wanted to know why the Council did not study the situation after the defeat of the bond election and Mr. Graves said that shortly after the election the Council had proceeded to hire engineers to study means for providing storm drainage by ponding because of opposition to the open ditch plan. The engineers had submitted plans this spring which are to be finalized by the City staff. Mr. Al Dais, 712 South Crescent Avenue, said that time was of the essence; that now people were more aware of the City's problems and would vote for the issues if they were properly presented. Mayor Katzakian said the City should be able to present a package deal acceptable to the voters and the administration should be instructed to prepare the information as soon as possible.

YODER TO  
MAKE PLANS  
FOR SEW. PLANT

Mr. Graves again recommended that he be instructed to negotiate with Mr. Carleton Yoder for making preliminary plans for the sewage plant. He said he

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did not want the City to be caught short. Because of the route of the West Side Freeway over a portion of the City's disposal site, negotiations will have to be made with the State Division of Highways so the City should be in a position to know what it needs. Councilman Culbertson moved that the City Manager be authorized to negotiate with Mr. Yoder for preliminary plans for the new sewage disposal plant. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dow and carried by unanimous vote.

1963-64  
TAX RATE

RES. NO. 2655  
ADOPTED

The Council discussed the tax limitations imposed on General Law cities by the Government Code, the amount for the General Fund not to exceed \$1.00. However, additional taxes could be levied for certain services. Members of the Council expressed the opinion that increasing the General Fund would be of some aid and on motion of Councilman Dow, Brown second, approved raising the tax rate for the General Fund 18¢, bringing it to a total of \$1.00. Councilman Culbertson moved that the Library tax be increased 10¢ to a total of 28¢. His motion died for lack of a second. Councilman Brown then moved the adoption of Resolution No. 2655 setting the 1963-64 tax rate at \$1.00 for the General Fund and 18¢ for the Library Fund. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dow and carried by unanimous vote.

The Council then adjourned on motion of Councilman Culbertson.

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Attest: BEATRICE GARIBALDI  
City Clerk